

HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
PATENT AND TRADEMARK MATTERSAttorneys:
JOHN J. ARNOTT, P.C.
ARTHUR BRADY
DAVID C. CAIN
GREGORY M. HOWISON, P.C.Two LINCOLN CENTRE
5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 660
Dallas, Texas 75240-2318
Telephone (972) 479-0462
Facsimile (972) 479-0464Austin Office:
Telephone (512) 328-3994RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

FEB 14 2005

CONFIRMATION SENT VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL
YES ___ NO XNUMBER OF PAGES TO FOLLOW 5**FACSIMILE COVER SHEET**

DATE: February 14, 2005
TO: Examiner: NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
COMPANY: U. S. Patent Office
FAX NUMBER: Centralized Fax: (703) 872-9306
FROM: Howison & Arnott, L.L.P. (Gregory M. Howison)
OUR FILE : NEXQ-24,727
SERIAL NO.: 09/389,567
ATTACHED: Trans Form (1); Response to non-compliant amendment (2);
copy of the Amendment to Claims Section (2).

The information contained in or attached to this FAX message is intended only for the confidential use of the individual(s) named above. If you are not the named recipient or an agent responsible for delivering it to the named recipient, you are hereby notified that you have received this document in error and that review, dissemination or copying of this communication is prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by telephone and return the original documents to us by mail. Thank you

COMMENT:

If there are any problems with this transmission,
please contact Yanela Carpenter, Legal Assistant at 972-680-6053

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

NEXQ-24,727

PATENT

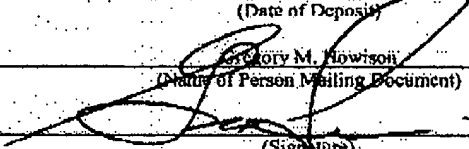
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Jay B. Ross and Merle T. Proulx
Serial No.: 09/389,567
Filed: September 3, 1999
Group: 2761
Examiner: Richard Ellis
For: UNIVERSAL SERIAL BIT STREAM PROCESSOR

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
FEB 14 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:	
2/14/05	(Date of Deposit)
Gregory M. Howison	(Name of Person Mailing Document)
	(Signature)
2/14/05	(Date of Signature)

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Regarding the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 11, 2005, in which the Amendments to the Claims were objected to because the claims in the amendment did not contain the proper individual status identifier. Enclosed is the amended Section "Amendments to the Claims" with each of the claims showing the proper identifier as requested by the Examiner.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
S/N 09/389,567
Atty. Dkt. No. NEXQ-24,727

2

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/NEXQ-24,727 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,
HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.


Gregory M. Howison
Registration No. 30,646

GMH/yoc
P.O. Box 741715
Dallas, Texas 75374-1715
Tel: 972-479-0462
Fax: 972-479-0464
February 14, 2005

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
S/N 09/389,567
Atty. Dkt. No. NEXQ-24,727

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

- ☐ BLACK BORDERS
- ☐ IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- ☐ FADED TEXT OR DRAWING
- ☐ BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING
- ☐ SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- ☐ COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS
- ☐ GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS
- ☒ LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
- ☐ REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY
- ☐ OTHER: _____

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.